

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the following amended paragraphs:

Page 1, lines 2 to 3 insert the following paragraph:

This application claims ~~priority under~~ the benefit of 35 USC § 119(e) to Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/399,423 filed on July 31, 2002.

Page 16, lines 2 to 9 insert the following paragraph:

~~A process is proposed for~~ The removal of liquids from the reservoir and/or the fracture-proppant pack of gas wells is described. Water that is trapped by capillary and viscous forces in areas of low velocity are mobilized by the application of an abrupt flowing-pressure reduction or shock. Liquids are then recovered from the wellbore to prevent hydrostatic back-pressure restrictions on the gas well. Flow at the reduced pressure is continued until liquid recovery from the wellbore reaches a minimum. The well is then returned to the normal operating pressure. ~~The well may be capable of more gas production after this process.~~